

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of the present Amendment. By this Amendment, reference numerals have been removed from the original claims, section titles have been added to the specification, and a cross-reference to related applications as well as an abstract of the disclosure have been added. Additionally, minor amendment have been made throughout the claims in an effort to better conform said claims, which were originally written in a European format, to customary U.S. practice. No new matter is being introduced by this Amendment as antecedent support is set forth in the original specification and in the original claims.

A clean copy of the application incorporating the changes made by this amendment is provided herewith to assist the office during publication and examination.

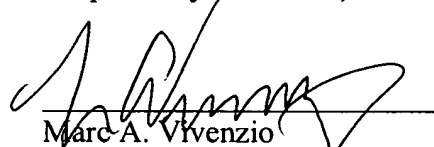
Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Attorneys at the below-listed telephone number regarding this Preliminary Amendment or otherwise regarding the present application.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-3569 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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